The Catholic Parish of
St. John Henry Newman
"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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St John Henry Newman, Urmston
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1st Sunday of Lent 18th February 2024

Dear Parish family,

In his annual message for the beginning of Lent, Pope Francis reminds us that:

"Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more - in the words of the Prophet Hosea - the place of our first love (Hos2:16-17). *God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind* and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts."

What a wonderful way to describe Lent, rather than focusing of depriving ourselves (although I might give up my coffee addiction), Pope Francis celebrates Lent as an opportunity to be drawn closer to God so He can speak of His love to us.

Anything that we choose to give up, simply helps us become more easily drawn to Him.

"God has not grown weary of us." The Holy Father exclaims, and yet I wonder if Lent is a time to ask ourselves if we have grown weary of our faith. God is ever enthusiastic for us,

He shares everything of Himself with us - desiring to shape us, not into something new, but rather into who we truly are, so that we can begin to open, our eyes to reality, turning away from a parody of God's creation, and becoming again God's children eager to hear His words of love in our hearts.

Lent can sometimes feel that it lasts forever, and that is true, especially when we forget that we have been given this special time to recognise and rediscover the One who is love, the One who simply loves us.

Can we use these 40 days and the little sacrifices we might make during this time, to grow closer to Him, who will reveal as we come to know Him more, His great Passion for us.

Let Him whisper into your hearts, because His voice is more powerful that a strong cup of coffee.

God Bless

Fr. K

		MASS TIMES
Sat	17	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	18	**1st Sunday of Lent**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
Tue	20	
9.30am	EM	Mass
6.30pm	SM	Sacrament of Reconciliation SP
Wed	21	
9.30am	SM	Mass
Thu	22	The Chair of St. Peter
10.00am	EM	Requiem Mass –David Morris
6.30pm	SM	Sacrament of Reconciliation SP
Fri	23	
7.30am	EM	Mass
9.30am	SM	Mass
3.00pm	EM	Stations of the Cross
Sat	24	
10.00am	EM	Adoration & Confession
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	SM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	25	**2nd Sunday of Lent**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	SM	Baptism

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

Catechesis 2 - Parish Centre:

2. Discipleship

11th April (6.30pm)

3. Confirmation, Baptism & Holy Spirit

16th May (6.30pm)

All candidates must attend ALL catechesis and regularly attend Sunday Mass.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place with Bishop John on 12th June (7pm) - St. Hugh of Lincoln church.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CARE at Manchester Royal Infirmary, Saint Mary's, Manchester Children's Hospital, Manchester Eye Hospital, Trafford General and The Christie, Salford Royal or Wythenshawe. If you have a relative or friend who is an inpatient and would like a Catholic Chaplain to visit them for pastoral support please contact the Chaplaincy Office on 0161 276 8792.

Diocese of Salford Synod 2023-2025 Prayer

Loving Father,
Be with us as we seek new ways
of being your people in our Diocese.
May each new day bring us
closer to your Son Jesus,
as we follow his teaching and
become disciples of love.
As we continue our Synodal journey,
draw us closer to each other.
May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us.
Open our hearts, as we listen to each other
and reach out in love to your people.
Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.
Amen

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us
St. Joseph, Pray for us

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Bernadette Reed, David Morris, Dermot Dempsey

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, Peter & Pat Carlon (65th Wedding Anniversary),

Anniversaries Masses

Stephen Pickup, David Devine, Anne McGrory, Angela Moreton, Stan Reid

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Grace McNulty, , Carol Grimsley, Maureen Boylan, Michael Rice, Esther Froggatt, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Kathleen Connors, Pam Clark, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Patrick Rogan, Angela Considine, Sheila Clegg, Andrew Roche, Joe Parker, Paul Kelly, Anne Smyth, Mike Boswell, Therese Williams

(Please ensure that you have permission of the individual/family for their names to be published in the newsletter)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

2023 - 2024

Dates for Programme

Childrens meetings, begin at 9.30am - pick up 11.00am. All children have been placed in either a Saturday or Sunday group, your child only has to attend their relevant catechesis and not both days!

20th & 22nd February Sacrament of Reconciliation - St. Monica's (6.30pm)

20th April - Saturday Cohort - Parish Centre
21st April - Sunday Cohort - Jubilee Room
26th April - Saturday Cohort
27th April - Sunday Cohort

Parents meeting will begin at 6.30pm in the Parish centre

21st March
18th April
2nd May

HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

11th May - 11.00am (EM)
11th May - 1.30pm (OLOR)
18th May - 11.00am (SM)

All Masses will be at St. Monica's Church. Children who do not attend the Parish Primary Schools may choose to join any of the above Masses.

Note from Bishop John Sherrington From the end of February, it is likely that the Criminal Justice bill will return to parliament and that amendments will be tabled to decriminalise abortion up to the point of birth. As well as a direct attack on the dignity of the unborn, it is highly likely that these amendments, if passed, will have unforeseen consequences which could be very serious for both unborn babies and their mothers, especially given the increase in home abortions following the legalisation of the provision of abortion pills by post. It is possible that there will be other amendments more favourable to the rights of unborn babies. If you would like to contact our local MP via email to raise any concerns his email is: andrew.western.mp@parliament.uk

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School Job Vacancy SENCO – Salary Scale: M6 – UPS3 + TLR2 Job Type: Full time permanent. Start Date: 1st September 2024. Application packs available from: rosary.admin@trafford.gov.uk **ONLY COMPLETED CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE (CES) APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.** Please return completed applications electronically to S. Molloy/H. Groves, marked confidential to rosary.admin@trafford.gov.uk. Closing date for applications: Friday 23rd February at noon. Shortlisting to take place: Wednesday 6th March. PLEASE NOTE: Only applicants who are shortlisted will be contacted following the closing date. Interviews to take place: Thursday 14th March 2024. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged. A visit can be arranged by contacting: rosary.admin@trafford.gov.uk

SVP The next meeting of the SVP will be on Monday 19th February at 6.30pm in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's.

Thursday Club 60+. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd February at 1 pm in the Parish Centre. Come along for a relaxing afternoon, and perhaps meet some new friends.

TODDLER GROUP the Toddler group runs every Tuesday 9:30-11:30 during term time. The group was established on 8.2.2000 and welcomes children in the Parish and beyond. You are invited to bring your 0-4 yr olds to stay and play and for you to meet other parishioners. Refreshments are provided contact Tracy Fagan 07849539410

Caritas Salford Every Step Campaign If you're looking for a new challenge for the New Year, why not check out the Caritas Salford website? Their brand new Every Step campaign is encouraging us all to pledge to do something this year that pushes us out of our comfort zone, and there are lots of ways you can get involved. Whether you take on a baking challenge, a 10k run or the ultimate quiz-a-thon, there's something for everyone, and the charity also has places in the Great Manchester Run and Manchester Half Marathon as well as a range of other runs available. https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/every-step/ for more information.

Parish Family Groups (PFG) 1st Birthday party will be held on Sunday 25th February (3.00pm) in the Parish Centre. Music, dancing , party games, pie and peas and the bar will be open. Please RSVP to your group leaders for catering purposes. If you've never been to a PFG event or if you've been in a group and missed a few meetings now's the time to get involved again. Contact Dawn Wilkinson 07760442432 , de_wilk@hotmail.com

Pilgrimage to Walsingham The Diocese of Salford is now accepting bookings for our 2024 pilgrimage to Walsingham. If you would like to join the pilgrimage, , please fill out a booking form, https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-2024. You can get in touch by calling 0161 817 2214.

Prayer in Lent - Our Father The first of a series of prayer workshops is set to begin this February with a focus on the Our Father. In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer, calling people to revisit the basics of the prayer and, in particular, the Our Father. The first of these workshops invites you to rediscover this beautiful prayer on Friday 16th February, 10am, at Wardley Hall. visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-prayer-programme-1/

Summer Opportunity for Young Adults at Palazzola, Palazzola welcomes a number of young adults each year to help serve meals and drinks to guests, in return for free board and lodging, a small salary, transport to and from the airport, and free time to enjoy the beautiful grounds and wider area. If you know of any young adults who may be interested in this opportunity, please ask them to email info@palazzola.net to find out more.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP During this winter, the group meetings will be held at various members homes, Tuesdays 2-4pm.For more information. 07742745640

Bishop's Fund Crises can happen to anyone and we believe that everyone deserves a helping hand during these difficult periods. The Caritas Bishop's Fund plays a crucial role in providing support to families and individuals who are experiencing challenges or crises within our diocese. These difficulties may arise from various circumstances such as illness, unemployment, the ending of the Universal Credit £20 uplift, job insecurity, and the increasing costs of energy and food. Recognising the pressing need for assistance in these situations, the fund has been established to offer immediate support to those in need. www.caritassalford.org.uk/service/bishops-fund/

Lent resources During Lent, the diocese will be sharing a range of resources to accompany people in prayer over the coming weeks. The resources have been created to support our journey throughout this Year of Prayer, as we prepare for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee in 2025. Resources can be accessed via the diocesan social media channels or by visiting the website dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-2024-rediscovering-prayer/

Stations of the Cross at the Laudato Si' Centre will be hosting a special Stations of the Cross this Lent. The Stations of the Cross will take place on Saturday 16th March in the beautiful setting of the Centre's woodland area. Specific times will be announced in due course.

Day Retreat: Ignatian Prayer and Discernment Discover more about Ignatian Prayer and Discernment as a popular day retreat programme returns to our diocese. The session takes place between 11.30am - 3pm on Tuesday 5th March at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall. Places are limited, so please book ahead by calling 01772 335387 or email office@saintgerards.org.uk

Caritas Salford Appeal for Volunteers our diocesan charity, is appealing for volunteers to support its work across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. Even a few hours can have a huge impact on the lives of others locally. To find out more about the huge range of opportunities available - from gardening to van driving, supporting their services to becoming a Caritas parish rep or accessibility advocate - visit their website now: www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

NEWSLETTER all items for the newsletter must be sent to Fr. K (via email) before 9.00am Thursday

THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION)

The Eucharist is the source and summit of all Christian life, the Eucharist is not a thing or a holy object, the Eucharist is the gift of God Himself given and shared with us.

All parent's of children who will be entering Yr 3 (in September 2024) will be invited from the beginning of May 2024 to enrol their children on the Sacramental Programme.

All children must be baptised in the Catholic Church and families **WILL** be expected, to do what all Catholic families should already be doing, that is attend Sunday Mass.

CONFIRMATION at the end of Yr6 children will be invited to register their interest in joining the programme in Yr8.

All details will be published in the newsletter and a notice will be sent to our local Diocesan Catholic Secondary School (St. Antony's) and those schools that are in the Diocese of Shrewsbury (BTH, St. Ambrose & Loreto).

Registering an interest is **not** joining the programme, and as the child enters Yr8 (2024) they will have to make the commitment to participate on the programme and complete the sacraments of initiation.

Please not that although information is sent to High Schools outside the Diocese of Salford and the non-Catholic schools in the area, distribution of information is ***dependant upon the co-operation of the Head teacher and Head of RE.***

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SPIRIT WILDERNESS TEMPTED
SATAN WILD BEASTS
ANGELS GOOD NEWS
CLOSE REPENT BELIEVE

Job Vacancy

Communications Assistant (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Full-time, 12 month fixed term

Working hours: 35 hours per week, some evenings and weekends required

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary: £22,672 - £24,343

Find out more and apply at https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH In order to get married in the Catholic Church 6 months notice must be given, please contact Fr. Kieren for further information.

"And that is what marriage is! Hand in hand, always and for the rest of your lives".

Pope Francis

Please pray for *Jessica & Simon, Rachael & Juan, Katherine & Richard, Leanne & Joe, Charlotte & Kieran, Jayne & Richard, and Megan & Aaron* as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament together.

STRETFOOD FOOD BANK Please place any of the above items in the grey bin at the back of church (English Martyrs). To donate directly Stretford Food bank Co-op Bank a/c 65855834 Sort code: 089299.

VOCATIONS - DIOCESE OF SALFORD

If you feel called to the Diocesan Priesthood please contact Fr. Kieren or contact the Diocesan Vocation Director directly Fr. Mark Paver: mark. paver@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Code of Canon Law states:

"Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptised within the first weeks after birth"

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As a Parish within the Diocese of Salford we follow the Diocesan Baptism Policy.

In order for your baby/child (under the age of 7) to be baptised, if you are not already practising your Catholic faith, then you must begin to **attend Sunday Mass for a minimum of at least 6 weeks** before a baptism date can be discussed.

- If you live outside the Parish, but this Parish is your place of *regular* worship, no permission is needed.
- If you live outside the Parish and don't regularly attend Mass, permission from your Parish Priest is needed.
- After a date for baptism has been set, a meeting with Fr. Kieren or Deacon John must be arranged (by you).
- If your child is over 7 they are treated as an adult and must follow an adapted RCIA programme.

OUR CATHOLIC PARISH AND DIOCESAN SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF SALFORD

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

English Martyrs
Wycliffe Road, Urmston.
Head teacher: Mrs Alison McGlade
(0161) 748 7257

Our Lady of the Rosary
Davyhulme Road, Urmston.
Head teacher: Miss S. Molloy
(0161)748 4626

St. Monica's
Woodsend Road South, Flixton
Head teacher: Mr. Mark Doherty
(0161) 748 3353

SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. Antony's Catholic High School
Bradfield Road, Urmston
Head teacher: Mr. A. Campbell
(0161) 911 8001